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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
YOSHIYUKI SAKAKI) : Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Application No.: N/Y/A) : Group Art Unit: N/Y/A
Filed: Currently herewith) :
For: HUMAN Napl PROTEIN) : June 13, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to action on the merits, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 5, 7, 9, 12-15 and 17 as
follows.

5. (Amended) A recombinant vector containing the
DNA according to any one of Claims 2 [to 4] or 3 and a
vector.

A' 7. (Amended) A process for producing [the said]
protein, which comprises culturing the transformant according
to Claim 6 in a medium to produce and accumulate the [protein

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